PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: HERLA

In re Application of:

MAX HERLA	Examiner: Gates, Eric Andrew
Appl. No.: 10/820,441	Group Art Unit: 3722
Filed: April 8, 2004	Confirmation No.: 7169
For: SPINDLE FOR A MACHINE TOOL WITH	
IMPROVED TOOL EJECTION FEATURE	

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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SIR:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above application in response to the Official Action of October 27, 2006, having a shortened period for response terminating January 29, 2007.

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
 - a. [] Previously submitted
 - i. [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, previously filed on .
 - ii. [] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
 - iii. [] Other

Docket No.: HERLA Appl. No.: 10/820,441 b. [X] Enclosed [X] Amendment/reply. ii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. [] Other 2. Miscellaneous a. [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103 (c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) b. [] Other 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-0502. i. [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ii. [] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) iii. [] Other b. [] Check in the amount of \$ enclosed c. [X] Payment by credit card d. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-0502. Respectfully submitted Henry M. Feiereisen Agent for Applicant

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